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Chou's Message

It did not take anti-Communist observers at Bandung long to imagine that they had "seen through" Mr Chou En-lai's brief, almost perfidious peace message to America on Saturday; it was, they said, ambiguous, platitudinous, aimed at appeasing sceptical delegates at the Afro-Asian talks rather than convincing Washington and was very probably insincere. That assessment may be correct, even realistic if the ulterior motive is accepted.

As it stands, Mr Chou's bald statement of principle appears superficially as a welcome change to the belligerent and truculent attitude formerly adopted by Peking on this question, and its sincerity or insincerity depends entirely upon the interpretation put upon it. His qualifying remarks in Bandung yesterday tend to promote suspicions that it may only have been a propaganda move. A first need, therefore, is that China should amplify and clarify its intentions.

If a ceasefire is to be discussed then the meeting must naturally include the two civil war combatants—the Communists and the Nationalists. But at this point it is possible to understand the shrewd realism of Mr Chou's appeal. America, as President Eisenhower has often said, would gladly welcome an end to the present tension. But this cannot be said of the Nationalists.

Their raison d'être is not merely to endure a precarious survival on Formosa. It is, in the words of all leading Nationalists, to return to the mainland. In their eyes a ceasefire would be the first stage to an ignominious retirement and it would amount to a complete renunciation of their claims to the mainland government and a denial of their justification to remain on Formosa. It would seem, therefore, that if the Communists genuinely wanted a ceasefire there would be far more point in dealing with America, rather than the recalcitrant Nationalists.

THERE is another aspect: Mr Chou's statement may be genuine. In which case it requires careful examination by America. If it is felt China is sincere, there is every justification for putting world peace above the aspirations of the Kuomintang.

Legally, Washington is right in insisting on the Nationalists' attendance at any talks on Formosa's future but it would be their duty at the same time to ensure a successful outcome of the negotiations by impressing upon Taipei the urgency and potential danger of the present situation. A reasonable observation would be that the Nationalists would not succumb to this view easily and that if the Americans attempted to convince them of the justice of the Western allies' cause, it would be an extremely difficult undertaking. But not, in the long run, impossible.

It was foolish of Mr Chou to qualify his statement yesterday to the effect that a Formosa settlement would not necessarily bring an end to tension. That statement, which amounts to a virtual contradiction of his earlier message, has possibly cost him a lot of the Asian sympathy he gained the day before. It suggests, too, that Peking is scrambling to retrieve its former position of determination at least for the time being. Formosa's future, however, must be settled in a final agreement with the Western Powers and it would be wrong for either China or America to prejudge that event.

"Ease Tension" Talks Dominant Subject In Washington, London, Moscow and Bandung

REACTIONS TO OFFERS BY CHOU AND BUGANIN

THE QUESTION OF EAST AND WEST TALKS ON A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS DESIGNED TO EASE WORLD TENSION WAS LAST NIGHT DOMINATING DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS IN SEVERAL CAPITALS, IMPORTANT REACTIONS BOTH TO CHOU EN-LAI'S SUGGESTION THAT COMMUNIST CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES SHOULD DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF FORMOSA, AND TO MARSHAL BUGANIN'S INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE WEST. COMING FROM WASHINGTON AND LONDON, SIR ANTHONY EDEN IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY BOTH STATEMENTS, AND IN WASHINGTON THE SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE THAT ANOTHER INVITATION MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO PEKING TO ATTEND A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO SETTLE THE FUTURE OF FORMOSA. BELOW ARE STORIES CABLED FROM VARIOUS WORLD CENTRES ON THESE SUBJECTS.

Eden Considers Statements Are Significant

London, Apr. 24.

An authoritative source said here today Sir Anthony Eden held as "significant" statements by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Chou En-lai, the Soviet and Communist Chinese Premiers, indicating willingness to negotiate with the West.

The Prime Minister and his Foreign Secretary, Mr Harold Macmillan, have together studied the fullest available reports of Marshal Bulganin's statement to reporters in Moscow, and Mr Chou's speech in Bandung,

Report received in London of Marshal Bulganin's remarks differed in emphasis on whether he was referring to a Big Four meeting of heads of Government or foreign ministers.

Discussions about this are expected to take place between the Western allies within the next week or two.

Diplomatic observers here said the anxiety of the government to indicate its receptiveness to such overtures might, in part, stem from parliamentary considerations.

Ever since Sir Anthony Eden—known to be less enthusiastic about talks "at the summit" than was Sir Winston Churchill—had taken over the premiership, he had been charged by the Labour opposition with failing to pursue the initiative of his illustrious predecessor.

With a general election due next month, the government was determined to do all it could to show that the allegations were unfounded.

DISCUSSIONS

The Western consultations, mentioned by the Foreign Office today, include a conference of British, French, American and West German officials starting on Wednesday, and talks among the Western ministers themselves in Paris in the first week of May.

The Western officials will be meeting as a "study group" to prepare for possible high-level negotiations with Russia about the re-unification of Germany and European security.

Their tasks will be to draft recommendations to their governments about the terms on which the West should approach Moscow for a foreign ministers' meeting, and a detailed brief for the Western ministers to use at such a conference.

WELCOMED

The declared willingness of Mr Chou to discuss the Formosa Straits crisis with the United States was welcomed by official quarters as a welcome sign that the past intransigence of the Peking Government might be giving way to a more conciliatory attitude.

But Britain fully supports the American view that Nationalist China must be a party to any negotiations about the fate of the Formosa Islands.

It was noted here that Mr Chou said nothing to indicate a modification of his past refusal to deal with the Nationalists.

Official sources here do not however regard this or today's Nationalist Chinese statement refusing to sit with the Communists as insuperable obstacles.

It was recalled that this had long been the declared attitude of Nationalist China but that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek relented when he was asked to agree to Communist China's attendance at the United Nations Security Council debate on Formosa.

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FLYNN PAYS UP

Santa Monica, Apr. 24. Film star Errol Flynn has paid \$10,000 to his former wife, Norah Eddington, who brought a court action against him for arrests in support payments for their two children.

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Chou And Menon Meeting Today

Bandung, Apr. 25.

Chou En-lai and Krishna Menon, India's top foreign affairs expert, will today, Monday, discuss United States reaction to Communist China's proposal for Formosa negotiations usually referred to as a "way

of Far Eastern tension."

But no firm decision has been taken pending the return of Presidents Eisenhower and Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, to Washington for weekend holidays late today or early tomorrow.

Such a course, it was pointed out, would fill two of the necessary criteria proposed by the United States for discussion of the Formosa emergency.

It would mean that Nationalist China would take part in the discussions without either the Communist or Nationalist governments having to "imply recognition by sitting across a limited conference table. Nationalist China is already represented on the Security Council.

China would be accepting what the United States termed "the outstanding invitation by the United Nations to participate in discussions to end hostilities in the Formosa region."

SLIM HOPE

But most authorities here thought it was a slim hope that China would accept the invitation.

The American statement in fact listed some ways in which China could give this evidence.

It was now for Chou En-lai to make the next move, the observers thought, and said that the next few weeks would show whether or not the door was closed. Reuter.

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Reprise For 613 Austrians

Moscow, Apr. 24.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has agreed to release 613 Austrian citizens serving terms of imprisonment in the Soviet Union, the Soviet news agency Tass, reported today.

Tass said the decision was taken as a result of representations made to Minister Voroshilov, Soviet President by Chancellor Julius Raab of Austria, and to mark the tenth anniversary of Austria's liberation.

A further 74 prisoners convicted of particularly serious crimes would be handed over to the Austrian authorities as "war criminals," the audience was told.

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They will be handed over to the Austrian authorities when the Soviet armies leave Austria.

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Gaoi Guards Indicted

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The Japanese procurator's office today indicted three gaoi guards on a charge of allegedly beating a prisoner to death.

Three gaoi guards of Kushiro gaoi in Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, were accused of beating up Keiji Ichikawa, 44. They were also accused of standing him under cold water showers in winter.

Ichikawa died last March due to internal hemorrhage, police said. China Mail Special.

Gang Who Slew Boys Captured

Nairobi, Apr. 24.

Troops and police today captured ten Mai Mai—including three women and two children—believed to be members of the gang responsible for the killing of two British schoolboys on the outskirts of Nairobi last week, police said here tonight.

The gang were all Kikuyu. One of the women, had an air rifle belonging to the younger of the two boys, the police said.

Two homemade guns and some ammunition were also recovered.

The gangsters were cornered and captured after a daylight hunt in and around the European suburb of Spring Valley. Four were wounded and the remainder captured unharmed.

One gangster was shot and captured almost on the doorstep of a group of European-occupied houses where families and children were playing in the gardens.

A senior police officer said here tonight: "We have got the gang responsible for the schoolboy murders."

Terrorists slashed and stabbed to death the two boys—13-year-old Christopher Twomey and 15-year-old Geoffrey Dubby—in the Ruaraka area seven miles north of here last Wednesday. Reuter.

MINISTER TO GO ON TOUR

London, Apr. 24.

The Earl of Home, Britain's new Commonwealth Relations Minister, plans to leave on an extended tour of the Commonwealth after parliament has risen in August, it was officially announced today.

He will first visit Australia and New Zealand and hopes to visit other Commonwealth countries on his way home, the announcement added. A further announcement will be made later.

The 51-year-old Earl, formerly Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was given the new post by Sir Anthony Eden when the new Prime Minister slightly reshuffled his Cabinet after taking over from Sir Winston Churchill.

The Earl of Home's appointment on April 2 was followed by attacks in Australian newspapers, which complained that the new minister had no firsthand knowledge of Commonwealth countries. Reuter.

Baby Saved From Death

Kings Lynn, Apr. 24.

An 18-month-old baby was lifted from her pram today a few minutes before a tank, carrying 3,600 gallons of jet fuel, ran off the road and crushed it against the wall of a block of flats.

The driver of the 18-ton tank escaped with bruised China Mail Special.

During the clash at Hama 80 miles south of Aleppo, Ghaleb Shishakli, brother of the Arab Restoration Socialist Party leader, Akram Shishakli, died in an Aleppo Hospital today from wounds received last Sunday in a clash between Party members and the family of the deposed Syrian President Brigadier-General Adib Shishakli.

Brigadier Shishakli was exiled a year ago after being overthrown by the Army, which restored President Hashem el Atassi, whom Shishakli had ousted in 1951. Reuter.

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Before the Chinese Prime Minister made his statement, it was announced at the White House that Mr. Eisenhower's main topic would be foreign trade. He is speaking at the annual meeting of the Associated Press, the American co-operative news agency. Reuter.

Stole Punt Trying To Join Legion

Dover, Apr. 24.

Two 22-year-old men were put on probation here yesterday for stealing a punt to get to France and join the Foreign Legion.

Police said the men got lost in the Goodwin Sands. They had to be towed back to shore. China Mail Special.

London Drought

London, Apr. 24.

The official drought in the London area continued today. Drought occurs when 15 consecutive days pass without 0.1 in. of rain falling.

Rain was last recorded at Kennington Astro-Aster on April 7. China Mail Special.

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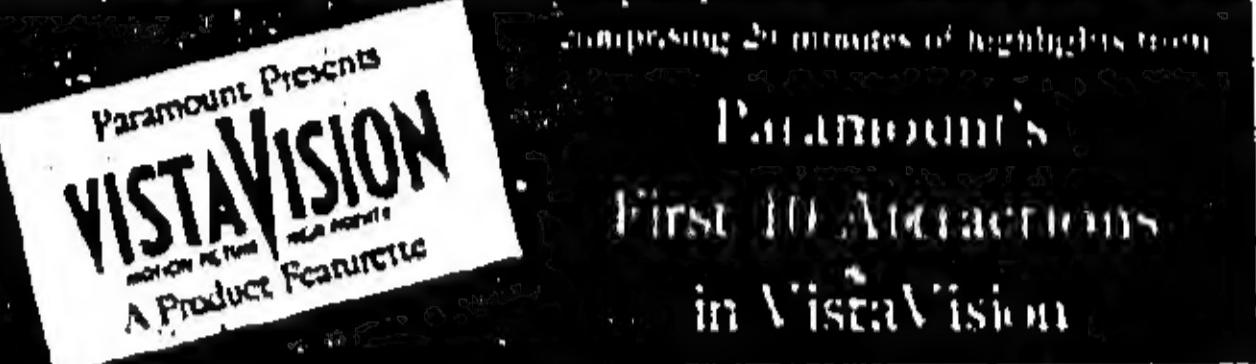
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Tornado Kills Three In
Alabama

Sir Winston and Lady Churchill pictured outside the Villa Politi in Syracuse (Italy) where they have arrived for a two-week holiday. Lady Churchill carries her left arm in a sling following an attack of neuritis. Express Photo.

Bridegroom Stole
Car And
Missed Wedding

Paris, Apr. 24. Looking very dignified with a tricolour sash across his stomach, the Mayor of Lucon, Western France, was waiting to marry Albert Seguin and his bride, Marie.

All the guests were assembled there. The ceremony was to take place at ten o'clock in the morning, but at eleven o'clock the couple had not yet appeared.

IMPATIENT

The Mayor was growing impatient when the bride's sister came in and said, "Sorry, Mr Mayor, but my sister and her bridegroom left home at nine o'clock and have not reappeared.

"I am sorry, too," the Mayor said, "but I have other engagements and cannot wait any longer. I shall be free around four o'clock this afternoon and

if you can bring them, I shall be glad to marry them."

But at 4 p.m., the couple had not reappeared. It was only three days later that the family learned that Albert had been arrested. He had to buy a wedding ring for his bride but had no money. So he did not dare go to the wedding and instead he took the bride to his grandmother after "borrowing" a car which happened to be on his way.

He told his grandmother that the wedding had been duly performed but it was to escape the onion soup that he had fed (according to a custom in certain French villages, guests at weddings bring onion soup to newly-married couples in their bedroom in the middle of the night).

For two days, they stayed at his grandmother's place, enjoying their undeserved honeymoon until Albert was arrested for the theft of a car. "They better marry rapidly," the parents said. "They are ridiculing us"—France-Presse.

TWO CHURCHES
BLOWN AWAY

Chicago, Apr. 24. A storm front that touched off wind, rain and hailstorms moved eastward today, bringing warnings of possible tornadoes in Indiana and Michigan.

A tornado struck near Hartselle, Alabama, this morning, killing three persons and injuring 20 others.

At Richmond, Kentucky, a tornado swept through the campus of Eastern Kentucky State College, destroying one house, unroofing others and smashing windows.

Weekend weather violence stretched from Texas to Illinois, with tornadoes also reported at Chanute, Arkansas, near Tarkio, Missouri, and east of Lawton, Oklahoma.

DUST CLOUDED SKIES

Winds hit peaks of 70 miles an hour at Guyman, Oklahoma, and dust clouded skies over Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, reducing visibility to zero in many places. The dust storms postponed baseball games in West Texas and New Mexico.

The tornado near Hartselle cut a path of damage a quarter of a mile wide and five miles long, destroying or damaging at least 10 homes. Two churches were blown away.

It was a gloomy Sunday almost everywhere. The Midwest was sunless and showers were reported over parts of New England, Virginia and Washington. There were snow and showers in Idaho and Montana.

Freezing temperatures were reported over most of the Nebraska panhandle. At Mullan Pass, Montana, it was 16 degrees.

The twister which struck near Hartselle dipped down across a small mountain range at Piney Grove and flattened homes and uprooted trees during a ten-mile march across rural flatlands. The "glowing red" tornado crushed down and left a path of destruction across rich farmlands.

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Mrs Clark was married when she was 16. She has a daughter, Daphne, 5, and a son John, 4, who are now living with their relatives.

She and her husband, 32-year-old John Clark, parted at the end of 1952. He is understood to be seeking a divorce.

Mrs Clark wears men's clothes, smokes a pipe, shaves twice a week and has a deep masculine voice. China Mail Special.

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RED PRESSURE ON SINGAPORE STUDENTS:

Increase Over Last Year Say Police



Duke Will Visit Italian War Graves

London, Apr. 25. The Duke of Gloucester, uncle of the Queen and President of the Imperial War Graves Commission, is to make a tour of British and Commonwealth war cemeteries in Italy in May, it was announced here today.

The Duke will fly to Naples in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight on May 8; returning on May 16. He will be accompanied by Field Marshal Lord Alexander, former Defense Minister, and General Sir John Crocker, a member of the Commission.

The Duke will fly over the Salerno beaches before landing at Naples. From there he will follow the course of the Italian campaign up to the breaching of the line by the Allies in North Italy.

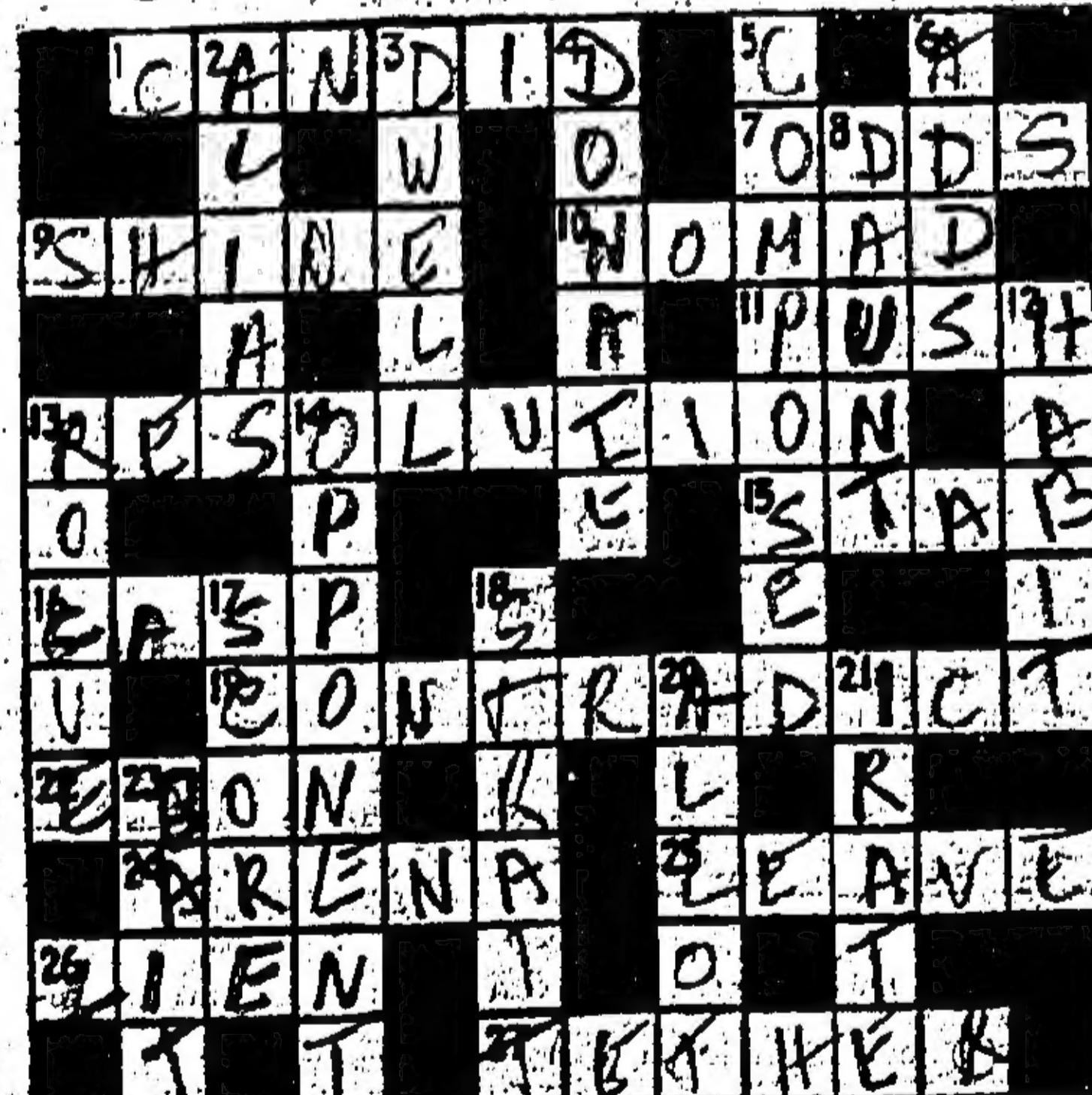
With Lord Alexander, who was Commander-in-Chief of Allied forces engaged in the Italian campaign, the Duke will inspect the battlefields where the struggles for the liberation of Naples, Rome, Florence and the cities of North Italy were fought out.—China Mail Special.

SINO-BRITISH TRADE PROSPECTS

London, Apr. 24. Mr Sydney Lane, leader of a British trade delegation which spent three weeks in Communist China, said on his return here today that if present trade-restrictions were lifted business worth \$5 million pounds sterling a year was likely.

At present business worth five million sterling a year is transacted between Britain and China, Mr Lane estimated.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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DID IT HAPPEN?

EVERYONE has at least one eerie and extraordinary experience in his life. Mine took place on a late summer's day in 1944, shortly after General Patton's armoured columns had burst southwards out of the Normandy beachhead in the huge encircling movement which was to culminate in the massacre of the German army at Falaise.

I cannot remember why I went off alone to Rennes, which was over 100 miles south of the old battle-head and deep in the American area.

I had some vaguely official reason but I rather imagine the main attraction was the thought of a long drive through open country, after weeks of sitting in the restricted area of the beachhead.

There was nothing pleasant about the early part of the journey through towns which had been in the front line since a few days after the invasion. St Lo was a pile of lifeless, horrible rubble, stinking of death. Not a soul seemed to be living there.

Then, suddenly, I was in an untouched country where the armoured columns had rumbled unhampered on their way, having broken clean through the lines, sending some German troops westwards to the Atlantic coast, others towards the Falaise gap, and leaving a harassed few wondering about not knowing where to go.

As I passed through the villages, the inhabitants waved cheerfully, and I distinctly remembered one touching sight—a very old lady, bent and crippled, standing alone at the crossroads holding a little bicolor in her hand. She was too old to wave the flag, so she just stood there letting it flutter in the breeze.

Different way

I reached Rennes and spent the afternoon in an abortive attempt to find an American unit. I found one small military police post, but that was all. The unit I was looking for was probably 100 miles away if General Patton had anything to do with it.

I decided to return by a slightly different route—which was my first error. I took the road to Vitre. About a mile outside this town my Jeep broke down. I had stopped outside a small house, standing back from the road.

It must once have been a farm, for beside it was a yard and a tumble-down barn. I decided to seek shelter there for the night, hoping that during the next day a garage, in Vitre or a passing American might put the Jeep right. So I walked up to the front door and knocked. There was a pause, then the door was opened by an old woman who peered at me fearfully for a moment, then smiled with evident relief, shook my hand and cried, "Tomme, Tomme," several times.

It was odd to think that barely

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I spoke in such a matter-of-fact voice that at first I wondered whether I had misunderstood her; but she went on to explain that her husband, who owned the chemist's shop in Vitre, had suffered a stroke and that the doctor had given him only a few hours to live. It was the fault of Germans, she explained. A party of them had invaded the house two days before. They had demanded food and drunk nearly all the wine in the cellar. Her husband had attacked them with his stick. They had treated this with contemptuous good humour, which must have enraged him even more. A few hours after they left he had had the stroke.

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I remember clearly, though without much pride, the thoughts which raced through my mind at this moment. There could be several armed men in that tank. I was alone and with an undignified lack of military discipline, I had left my revolver in the Jeep. What would happen if I saluted forth unarmed against them? I should almost certainly be killed, which would not alter the course of the war, nor particularly help the Germans, who were almost bound to be taken prisoner sooner or later.

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THE mainspring of Labour's colonial policy—and in this it differs radically from the Conservative viewpoint—is the setting up of a timetable for self-government in colonial territories. This might be called the "time bomb" policy, since it would probably lead to explosions in cases where self-government was promised before countries were ready for it.

In homogeneous communities, the premature grant of independence may bring nothing worse than financial and administrative difficulties, but in multi-racial communities it carries grave dangers of racial strife and civil war.

The "time bomb" policy is, in fact, a legacy of Labour's policy in India. There the expressed determination of the Attlee government to withdraw on a fixed date certainly hastened administrative plans for the transfer of power. But it brought with it one of the bloodiest massacres in history, and left behind bitter recollections of Hindu-Moslem rivalry.

Who could doubt that if Britain packed up in Malaya, there would not be chaos and racial disturbances?

EXAGGERATED

Nevertheless, Labour's preoccupation with the time-table can be exaggerated. The rank and file may shout for its indiscriminate application, but the leaders of the party know full well that for the majority of colonial territories no date for self-government can be fixed. In fact, they know that many of the smaller territories can never aspire to stand on their own feet at all.

In practice, then, the timetable would only be set when self-government was just round the corner. The exception is Malaya, where the party seems to believe that the risk of racial strife is much less than it is.

In its other facets, Labour's policy towards the colonies generally does not differ greatly from the Conservatives'. Both parties are anxious to do everything possible for the economic development of the colonial territories, to raise

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Since 1952 he has been writing for TV, is the author of the Friday-night serial *The Grove Family*.

He has written as many films and with his father wrote the stage play *The Painter*. Keeping up the family's theatrical tradition, he married actress Valerie French, two years ago. They live in Chelsea.



more than the silence which had now descended below, that drove me from the room and sent me clattering downstairs, regardless of my previous cowardice.

In the kitchen, the three Germans lay on the floor, doubled up in tortured attitudes. The old woman was pressed against the wall, staring down at them and sobbing. They were dead.

I shall never know for certain what happened, but undoubtedly these Germans saved my life. The old chemist must have put poison in the wine just in case and more enemy intruders should come into his house. His pathetic attempt to speak to me was to stop me drinking.

Certainly, discretion had proved the better part of valour. I still feel a twinkle of fear when I think what would have happened had the Germans not arrived or had they submitted to being taken prisoner, and had we all sat down to drink that wine together.

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Now YOU have to decide. Did Michael Pertwee imagine his story or did it really happen to him? Make a note whether you think story No. 8 is FACT or FICTION and keep it until tomorrow.

The answer to Saturday's story is FICTION.

DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

No. 8: There's many a slip

YES NO

CONCLUDING: IF LABOUR GETS BACK

The Colonial Policy Of The Socialists

(By A Special Correspondent)

Living standards and to improve social welfare. But in their outlook on the problems of individual colonies the Labour party does not always see eye to eye with the present government.

In Cyprus, for example, Mr. Brian may conveniently forget that there was an occasion when he welcomed the doctor to one of his cocktail parties. A Labour Colonial Secretary would be unlikely to dictate the present regime, but efforts might be made to encourage the split in Dr. Jagan's party, and hoped would be pinned on a breakaway group led by Mr. Burnham.

In Kenya that the greatest harm could be done by a Labour Secretary of State, because driven by his left wing, he might be in a hurry to get results. Both political parties in Britain are committed to a policy of multi-racial government, both wish to see the end of colour discrimination.

But whereas Conservatives realise that such policies are revolutionary to many Europeans in Kenya, and to be successful must be implemented gradually and, if possible, on the initiative of the Europeans themselves, Labour would tend to go too quickly. All were meant to realize that the Kenya of ten years hence will bear little resemblance to the pre-war Kenya, but a forcing Colonial Secretary will be guided by the Swartwinkel, "Haste makes no blessing."

APARTHEID

So far as Commonwealth relations are concerned, changes of British government normally make little difference. But some fear that with Labour in office there would be danger of a rupture with South Africa. Many Conservatives feel deeply that the policy of Apartheid is misguided and oppressive; but they realize that this is South Africa's own problem. Labour, on the other hand, might show undisguised hostility to Mr. Stridor's government.

Under strong pressure from the bulk of their supporters they might well restore Seretse Khama in Bechuanaland, an action which the Union Government would probably construe as a calculated insult. A demand for the restoration of the Protectorates would follow. This might well be the detection of South Africa from the British Commonwealth.



HKAAC PENTATHLON

MALCOLM MARSH WINS THE BATTLE OF THE ALL-ROUNDERS

By "RECODER"

Malcolm Marsh won the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club's Third Annual Pentathlon Championship at Wah Yan College Kowloon yesterday with an impressive total of 2,456 points from Colin Brand (2,350) and Tsang Chun-him (2,386). The standard was the highest in the three years of this annual event and it is noteworthy that Samuel Lo in eighth place was only 511 points behind the winning total.

Tony Collaco, third in 1953 and runner-up last year, only managed sixth place, but he wasn't completely recovered from an injury. Stephen Xavier, who finished fourth with his best performance in three years, also had a game leg and was unable to go all out in the 440 Yards.

Tsang Chun-him led after two events with 1,059 points, ahead of Marsh's 895 and Collaco's 870. This came as a surprise. Tsang, who had no particular reputation as a shotputter, won the event. The competitors were divided into two groups, Marsh, doing

the High Jump for his third event, cleared a useful 5 feet to reach 1,512 points while Brand, as expected, picked up a laugh a minute pace and it was a most enjoyable afternoon. The leading scores after three events were: Xavier 1,357; Collaco 1,296; Tsang 1,203; Collaco 1,133; Bell 1,130. Brand picked up considerably in the Javelin while Tsang founders.

The competition reached an interesting stage in Round Four. Marsh, in the Javelin group, only scored 260 points for a total of 1,772. Brand, with a feet 8 inches high jump, overtook him to total 1,856.

BIG SURPRISE

The big surprise here again was Tsang Chun-him who, with the bar being raised an inch at a time, went slowly up to 5 feet 1/2 inches in the High Jump for a total of 886 points and an overall total of 1,889 to take the lead.

The situation became very interesting. One second in the 440 Yards was worth 35 points.

Tsang was now 33 points ahead of Brand and 117 points ahead of Marsh. Brand was 84 points ahead of Marsh.

Marsh, one of the Colony's fastest quarter-milers, had to run 2 1/4 seconds faster than Brand and 3 1/4 seconds faster than Tsang.

Brand was suspected of being able to beat 80 seconds for the Quarter and Tsang's abilities here were estimated at about 82 seconds. The condition of the track didn't favour fast times.

Marsh, running with Curzon, stormed round in 54.0 seconds.

Curzon's 53.8 and the two dragged Roy Bell, to his fastest ever time of 57.4.

Brand needed 58.5 to win and Tsang 57.2. They tried hard enough but could only manage 59.4 and 60.2 respectively.

HIGH STANDARD

A feature of the competition was the high standard in the Long Jump and 440 Yards. Six of the competitors beat 60 seconds for the Quarter and four more beat 61. In the Long Jump there were five competitors over 18 feet, which was better jumping than was seen in the Colony Championships final.

The competition proved, as all Pentathlons normally do, that nothing is improbable or impossible. Who would, for instance, suspect a distance runner like Bruce Tulloch of being capable of clearing 4 feet 8 inches in the High Jump? Or who would have thought that a hundred like Roy Bell would be cut at less than 4 1/2 feet? The biggest surprise of all was Tsang Chun-him's first place in the Shot Put. He just doesn't look like a shot putter.

For some of the startling poor performances in the appended summaries it must be noted that the rules of the competition had to be observed and only three tries were allowed, except for the Javelin. There in which events as usual, most of the competitors had the greatest difficulty in getting the spear to land point first. For some of the competitors these three tries were their very first ever.

English Turf Classic

Probable Starters
And Jockeys

London, Apr. 23.

Twenty-five probable starters and jockeys for the 2,000 Guineas, first English Turf Classic of the year to be run over one mile at Newmarket at 1355 GMT next Wednesday, April 27 are:

Alexander (W. H. Carr), Americ (C. Smirk), Ballymatrial (J. Eddery), Beau Prince Second (S. Boulenger), Chariot Third (No Jockey), Racetrack (J. Lindley), Flying Story (A. Nevert), Gladiator Fourth (A. Poinelet), Golden Planet (E. Smith), Jinky (T. Devlin), Kilbran (J. Defford), Lycidias (K. Cethin), Marwari (E. J. Cracknell), Merridew (T. Carter), My Smokey (T. Gosling), Noble Chieftain (F. Barlow), Nonchalant (W. Rickaby), Nucleus (W. Elliott), Our Babu (D. Smith), Royal Palm (W. Smith), Soleil Royal (M. Larsson), Tamerlane (A. Bresnay), Time To Reason (L. Piggott), Tudor Jinks (J. Wilson) and Windsor Sun (P. Powell).

All carry nine stone, (126 pounds). — Reuter.

INTER-VARSITY HIGH HURDLES



The 120 Yards High Hurdles at the inter-Varsity meeting at White City Stadium, London, shows, left to right, A. M. Guthrie (Cambridge); R. D. Shaw (Oxford), the winner; I. W. R. Malcolm (Cambridge) and L. D. Anderson (Oxford). Guthrie was second, and Malcolm third. — Reuterphoto.

TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tanaka Beats Dolinar In Final To Win World Singles Title

Utrecht, Apr. 24.

Mrs Angelica Rozeanu, the Ballerina of Table Tennis, danced her way to an easy victory in the Women's Singles today when the World Table Tennis Championships were continued.

She was scoring her sixth successive win in the event, when beating the Austrian ace, Mrs Linde Rumpler-Wertl, in straight games, 21-13, 21-5, 21-8, and gave the lie to those who, a year or two ago, thought she would be giving way to the younger school of players.

The Men's Title remained with Japan, in the hands of Toshiaki Tanaka, who succeeded Ichiro Ogimura, beaten in the fifth round earlier in the Championships.

Tanaka beat Yugoslavia's Zarko Dolinar, 21-12, 21-9, 21-14 to give Japan their only success, for they had other representatives eliminated today in the semi-finals of the Women's Singles, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles.

The Holders were beaten in both the Men's and Women's Doubles Finals.

In the Men's, Ivan Andreadis and Ladislav Sipek (Czechoslovakia) thrashed Zarko Dolinar and V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia), 21-10, 21-7, 21-18.

Andreadis had won the title in 1950-51 with L. Vana. Sipek in 1947-48 to gain the Championship.

Mrs Rozeanu won her second title when she and Ella Zoldi beat the British Holders, the twins Diane and Rosalind Rowe, 21-11, 16-21, 17-21, 21-19.

Zoldi won the title two years ago with Gizi Furkas. The Mixed Doubles crown went to the Hungarian pair, Kalman Szepesi and Eva Koczián, who fought back splendidly to beat the Anglo-Scottish partnership of Aubrey Simons and Helen Elliott, 18-21, 18-21, 21-18, 21-18, 21-16.

DEADLY SILENCE. With a score of 33-31 in the fifth and final game, I. Andreadis and Ladislav Sipek (Czechoslovakia) put out the last Japanese pair in the Men's Doubles.

This was in a semi-final against I. Ogimura and Y. Tomita and qualified them for a meeting with the title-holders, Z. Dolinar and V. Harangozo (Yugoslavia) in the final.

Bassett Beats Ferrer On Tko

Paris, Apr. 24. United States Featherweight boxer Percy Bassett from Philadelphia defeated French Lightweight boxing Champion Séraphin Ferrer by a technical knockout in the tenth round of their non-title ten-rounders at the Parc des Princes open air stadium before 12,000 spectators here today.—France Presse.

SOUTH AFRICA'S CRICKET TEAM IN ENGLAND

London, Apr. 24. South Africa's cricketers arrived at London airport today in summertime weather which they hope will be a good omen for their five month tour of England.

In a joint statement Jack Cuthbert, the Captain, and Ken Viljoen, the Manager, said they were looking forward to some keen matches against England. "We have a young team with an average age of 23, but there are some experienced players.

We hope the people of England will enjoy the type of cricket we are going to play. We will do all in our power to make it attractive."

They will start practice on Tuesday to prepare for their opening match against Worcestershire on May 7. — Reuter.

Choice Of Don Revie As Footballer Of The Year Surprises Many

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Apr. 24.

The choice by the Football Writers' Association of Don Revie, the Manchester City inside-right, as the English Footballer of the Year will astonish many, especially readers on the Continent and overseas who have heard very little about this great player.

It has also surprised others in the British Isles, particularly those who watched England trounce Scotland at Wembley. Not that Revie did not play superbly in this game but the evergreen Stanley Matthews should have received the award for his really marvellous display that day if for no other reason. And if not Matthews then why not England's great captain, Billy Wright?

And yet they were placed only third and fourth respectively to Revie and A. Bartlett of Charlton, who is not even England's number one goalkeeper.

None will grudge Revie the honour, for which he is undoubtedly worthy but the question arises should he have got the honour and why did he get it instead of Matthews and Wright. Also why was Bartlett placed second?

ONE ANSWER

There is only one answer and that is that most of the members of the Football Writers' Association must have been under the impression—quite wrongly—that a player who has received the statuette once cannot get it again.

My ballot paper read Matthews, Wright, Revie in that order. It is a personal belief that if the ballot were thrown open to the footballing public and not confined to football writers, Matthews would unquestionably come out an easy winner, with Wright runner-up and Revie and John Charles of Leeds United and Wales battling for third place.

Many of the football writers evidently did not even consider Matthews and Wright, who won the award in 1948 and 1952 respectively.

Others may have considered them only to rule them out on the grounds that as they had the trophy before why not give it to a new man.

Is that line of thought right? What objection can there be to a player winning the trophy 10 times if he is, if he really is, the outstanding player in the country by skill and temperament on and off the field? If he has done more than any other to uphold English prestige, as the citation demands.

Revie, as yet, has had little chance to do this for though he is only too well known to the Scots he is a comparative novice to fans of foreign countries.

They are certainly going to know him, and probably to their cost before much longer, notably the defences of France, Spain and Portugal, but he has not yet been given the chance.

REVISED
BADMINTON
FIXTURES

The following is the draw for the semi-final rounds of the Colony Badminton Championships, which will reach an interesting stage tomorrow evening.

The finals will be played on two nights—May 2 & 3 at the CCC. The presentation of prizes by Mr. A. M. Rodrigues, wife of the President, Dr. the Hon. A. M. Rodrigues, M.B.E., Ed., will take place on the second night of the final Tuesday, May 3.

FIXTURES
TOMORROW

At Club de Recreativo, Junior Ladies Doubles, 5 p.m. Mrs. M. Soares & Mrs. C. Ho, v. Chu Yuen Chun & Connell.

Senior Ladies Doubles, 8.30 p.m. Mrs. M. Soares & Mrs. C. Ho, v. Chu Yuen Chun & Connell.

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SING TAO 2, RAF 0

THE REFEREE SENT THE TEMPERAMENTAL TIGER BACK EARLY TO HIS DEN

By I.M. MacTAVISH

There was one Tiger back in his den before the end of this easygoing sort of match at the Club Stadium yesterday, and in the cause of justice let it be said that one of the airmen was very fortunate indeed that he too was not called upon to answer a premature 'return to base' signal.

The incident which marred the proceeding came late in the second half, and as so often happens, it started as an insignificant little affair and in seconds had burst into a major fracas. A high ball was lofted into the RAF defence lines and as Stoker went for it he was obviously impeded by Law Kwok-tai.

There was little to it and similar happenings have normally brought little more than a black scowl from offended players...but in this case as the ball was cleared from the RAF end, Stoker — probably on the impulse of the moment — struck Law Kwok-tai in the centre of the back and sent him staggering forward.

The explosion that followed was almost inevitable. As soon as Stoker next received the ball Law was after him and with a vicious tackle and follow-through brought the airmen to the ground. Stoker's earlier indiscretion escaped the referee's notice because the ball was in flight to the other end of the field, but Law's effort was painfully crude and obvious and, with Referee Hancock right on the spot, marching orders were almost a mere formality.

Two wrongs have never made a right in football or anywhere else. There is no doubt whatever that Law Kwok-tai felt he

Fixture-Filling RITUAL

The match was never more than a humdrum fixture-filling ritual. The Tigers were only a shadow of the scintillating side of a few short weeks ago. Hau Yung-sang was missing from the line-up but there were other vital factors missing as well.

Far too often the attacking plan was to lash the ball ahead and hope that feet-footed Yeung Wai-to would outpace the defence but neither he, nor his wingers Wong Tak-fook and Lee Tak-tung, reached the heights that they did during the period when Sing Tao simply scampered up the league table.

This temporary loss of top form is worrying one or two of the younger Tigers into tactics that were never present when things were going well. Lee Loy and Lo Kam-chuen both showed a tendency to take the man when they were beaten for the ball but fortunately both of them were given good advice by their more experienced teammates and recovered their poise very quickly.

The RAF side was every bit as good as Sing Tao on this showing and only bad finishing and inaccurate passing denied them a share of the points. Time and time again they carried the ball through the Tigers' lines only to finish weakly or see the final pass go astray. Clarke and MacLennan were clever inside men and the inside left was very much out of luck with a great drive that Tam Nai-huen somehow edged over the bar.

Sing Tao were on the score sheet after only four minutes when Lo Kam-chuen waltzed right through the RAF defence before cracking the ball into the net. A fine goal but there seemed to be slackness in the defence at the time.

Jack was as good as his master after that. There were close shaves at both ends but it was only a magnificent leap and clutch by goalkeeper Sayer that stopped the Tigers from increasing their lead.

Referee Hancock had his whistle on his way to his lips for the interval stoppage when the second goal came along. Lee Tak-tung made the running and as the ball came across Yeung Wai-to, Law Kwok-tai, Lee Tak-tung,

and MacLennan were the airmen who mattered most.

VERDICT

The sort of game that would have been remembered only by the score in the record books if it had not been for the ordering off affairs. This RAF side has real possibilities and may well be built into a very efficient unit for next season.

TEAMS

RAF: Sayer, Summer, MacKay, Toth, Burns and Stoker, Ford, MacLennan, Wheatland, Clarke, Blagburn.

Sing Tao: Tom Nai-huen Luk Ping-yu, Siu Pei-yin, Chang Kam-hol, Houniball, Lee Loy, Wong Tak-fook, Lo Kam-chuen, Yeung Wai-to, Law Kwok-tai, Lee Tak-tung.

HAIL, THE CHAMPIONS

The MacTavish Trophy — specially polished for the occasion — is doffed in sincere salute to South China for their great double success in the current season. Victory over Eastern at Caroline Hill (on Saturday) means that the League Championship Trophy will now stand side by side with the Senior Shield on their already well filled sideboard.

South China have been away out on their own this season and their success is worthy of the fine players who sport the famous red, white and blue colours, and the players in their turn are also worthy of the success.

The loss of such players as Tong Sheung, Loi Tak-hai and Ho Cheung-yu, at different times during the season served only to show the wealth of talent in reserve, and the versatility of the club's playing resources.

Apart from their football ability the players have always tried to play the game as it should be played and generally when they have been involved in a particularly rugged match the instigation of such tactics could usually be traced to the opposition.

Well done, South China! congratulations on the high standard not only of your play but also of your field conduct... your players and your club are undoubtedly worthy of the title of Double Champions.

MARCHING ORDERS

The second half will be remembered only for the incident

BEHRA WINS BORDEAUX GRAND PRIX

Bordeaux, Apr. 24. Jean Behra, the French ace, driving a Maserati today won the Bordeaux Grand Prix Motor Race here with Luigi Musso (Italy), in another Maserati, second.

Drivers covered 123 laps of a circuit giving a total distance of 302.750 kilometres (about 188 miles).

Maserati filled five of the first six positions, Roberto Mieres (Argentina) being third, Stirling Moss (England) fourth, Jean Manzon (France) fifth, and Prince Bira of Siam sixth.

Behra's time for the race was two hours 54 mins 12.6sec, an average speed of 104.112 kilometres an hour (about 64.7 MPH), and he won by only two tenths of a second, Musso and Mieres finishing wheel to wheel in the same time, though the Italian was placed second by a fraction.—Reuter.

HKFA TEAMS

The following will represent the Club in league soccer matches tomorrow:

First XI v Police at Club ground kick-off 6 p.m.: Taylor, Bishop, Wright, Kinloch, McDonald, Pickering, Paton, O'Kelly, Gayne, Douglas, Gardner, Reserves, Planch, Barclay.

Second XI v CAA at Causeway Bay kick-off 6 p.m.: Jones, Beattie, Laishley, Lappage, Torgington, Planck, Barclay, Campbell, Babbs, Finney, Wake. Reserve: Fretwell.

Nominate YOUR

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail:

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)



Football Fans May Think What They Like

Says TOM FINNEY

There seems to be an idea in some quarters that because I have missed a number of games for Preston this season that my football career is over.

Ordinarily this type of rumour doesn't worry me. Football fans are entitled to think what they like. It is a fact that I have suffered a series of thigh and groin injuries over the past two seasons which have certainly affected my appearances. But finished with football? Not if I can help it. I am 33 years of age, and I believe I have another three or four seasons left in me yet. When I do decide to hang up my boots, I want to do it when I am still on top.

It is a fact though, that as soon as a chap reaches 30 he doesn't recover so quickly from injuries as he did when he was 20. I think I have been a little unlucky these past two seasons. But I can think of many other grand players who have been a lot unluckier. They had to finish with the game through injury when still in their prime.

One who immediately comes to mind is Eddie Kilshaw, Bury's tricky right-winger, who has played about 20 games after he had been transferred to Sheffield Wednesday, when the latter below him; he injured the ligaments of one of his knees. A great pity, for Eddie was not only a grand player — he was a courageous fighter too.

What about Derek Dooey, who shot to fame with Sheffield Wednesday and then had a leg amputated? Then there was Reg Williams, Cheltenham's brilliant wing-half, who also had to call it a day when he was injured.

There are other great players who ceased to play in their early thirties of their own accord. Stan Cullis, Cliff Britton and Andy Beattie immediately spring to mind. All three were still full of good football when they retired to take up the managerial side of the game. They were, I feel, a loss from the playing point of view, but when you consider their success as managers who can deny that they took the right step at the right time?

I always remember when I was a young player at Deepdale starting at Dereham. Brian Beattie, saying to me: "Don't go on till the crowd barrack you, Tom. Go out of the game while they still remember your best days."

Andy did just that. So did Frank Swift of Manchester City. I intend to do the same.

The average football fan doesn't realise just how many games an international footballer crowds into a year. Since I came back from the tour in 1948, I have spent my "summer holidays" in the following way:

1948: In Italy and Switzerland with the England team.

1949: Scandinavian tour with the England team.

1950: World Cup series in South America.

1951: Festival of Britain matches against Argentina and Portugal.

1952: Austria, Italy and Switzerland with the England team.

1953: South American tour.

1954: World Cup series in Switzerland.

TOO MUCH FOOTBALL

To my mind this is too much football. I think it may well be the cause of my recurrent injuries. So I am at last looking forward to an easier time in Northern Rhodesia with my family. Take it from me, I'll be getting myself fighting fit for next season.

Have you noticed how many penalties have been missed lately? I think perhaps there is too stereotyped an approach to this part of the game. So many chaps try to blast the ball in when often you can score easily with a little guile.

Here's a little dodge well worth trying. As you take the kick, roll the ball a few yards off the "spot" so that one of your team, primed beforehand, can follow up quickly and slam the ball past an astonished goalkeeper from about eight yards range.

It's quite within the rules, and the element of surprise is such that the goalkeeper will almost certainly be still rooted to his goal-line in amazement. It has been done in an exhibition game by Peter Doherty and Raich Carter. But it has to be a fully pre-arranged plan to work.

SCAA's Invitational Inter-School Athletic Meeting

Three records were broken during the first day of the Tenth Annual Inter-School Invitational Athletic Meeting organised by the South China Athletic Association at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The records to go by the board were those for the boys' 1,500 Metres and the girls' Shot Put and Discus throw.

The Director of Education, the Hon D.J.S. Crozier, opened the Meet, in which over 700 boys and girls from 33 different schools participated.

The second and last day of the Meet is scheduled for Sunday starting at 9 a.m.

Yesterday 12 finals were decided in the five different sections of the Meeting and of these the old track event final decided was the 1,500 Metres in the Girls' A Grade.

Running against 37 contestants in this race Chan Hung-man of New Method College led from start to finish. Chan was never really challenged for first position, and on each round he increased his lead appreciably, winning in the record time of 4 minutes 50.4 seconds, breaking the old record by 2.3 seconds.

Lee Yuk-wah of Heng To Middle School put the shot in the Girls' A Grade .01 metre further than the existing record, while Yam Shui-hung of Pui Kiu Middle School beat the Discus Throw record by over one metre in the Girls' A Grade.

The following were the results of the finals which were decided yesterday:

Boys' A Grade: 1. Lee Yuk-wah (Heng To); 2. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 3. Sim Yin-cheong (Heung To). Distance: 50.4 metres.

Shot Put-A Grade: 1. Lau Man-keung (Pui Kiu); 2. Chen Chou-ko (Pui Kiu); 3. Sim Yin-cheong (Heung To). Distance: 12.37 metres.

Javelin Throw-A Grade: 1. Lee Yuk-wah (Heng To); 2. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 3. Sim Yin-cheong (Heung To). Distance: 34.78 metres.

High Jump-A Grade: 1. Lau Tin-yeo (Heng To); 2. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 3. Sim Yin-cheong (Heung To). Height: 1.68 metres.

Discus Throw-A Grade: 1. Chen Hung-man (New Method); 2. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 3. Leung Kam-bo (Pui Kiu). Distance: 33.62 metres.

High Jump—B Grade: 1. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 2. Chen Po-keung (Chung Wah); 3. Tsang Chee-10 (Tai Tung). Distance: 1.57 metres.

High Jump—C Grade: 1. Lau Tin-yeo (Heng To); 2. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 3. Sim Yin-cheong (Heung To). Height: 1.58 metres.

Shot Put-B Grade: 1. Lee Yuk-wah (Heng To); 2. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 3. Sim Yin-cheong (Heung To). Distance: 10.78 metres.

Shot Put-C Grade: 1. Lee Yuk-wah (Heng To); 2. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 3. Sim Yin-cheong (Heung To). Distance: 8.51 metres.

Discus Throw-B Grade: 1. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 2. Chen Po-keung (Chung Wah); 3. Tsang Chee-10 (Tai Tung). Distance: 11.27 metres.

Discus Throw-C Grade: 1. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 2. Chen Po-keung (Chung Wah); 3. Tsang Chee-10 (Tai Tung). Distance: 9.06 metres.

Discus Throw-D Grade: 1. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 2. Chen Po-keung (Chung Wah); 3. Tsang Chee-10 (Tai Tung). Distance: 8.57 metres.

Discus Throw-E Grade: 1. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 2. Chen Po-keung (Chung Wah); 3. Tsang Chee-10 (Tai Tung). Distance: 8.57 metres.

Discus Throw-F Grade: 1. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 2. Chen Po-keung (Chung Wah); 3. Tsang Chee-10 (Tai Tung). Distance: 8.57 metres.

Discus Throw-G Grade: 1. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 2. Chen Po-keung (Chung Wah); 3. Tsang Chee-10 (Tai Tung). Distance: 8.57 metres.

Discus Throw-H Grade: 1. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 2. Chen Po-keung (Chung Wah); 3. Tsang Chee-10 (Tai Tung). Distance: 8.57 metres.

Discus Throw-I Grade: 1. Li Yiu-ki (Kwai Chung); 2. Chen Po-keung (Chung Wah); 3. Tsang Chee-10 (Tai Tung). Distance: 8.57 metres.

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The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed, from the 4th April to 26th April, 1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
ERNEST SAHMET,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Mar. 1955.

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Commonwealth Expected To Adopt F.N. 300 Rifle

London, Apr. 21.

The Belgian FN 300 self-loading rifle, expected to be adopted by all the British Commonwealth armies by the end of this year, is having its "baptism of fire" in Malaya and Kenya.

British troops in both colonial trouble spots are using "the rifle as part of extensive "troop trials" to which the simple, light Belgian weapon is being subjected.

In both centres, its issue has begun the parting, for the first time in 50 years, of the British soldier and his "best friend" — the Short Magazine Lee Enfield 303.

OTHER TESTS

While these active service tests are taking place, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa are staging their own tests of the weapon.

Military circles here expect that, by the end of the year, all these Commonwealth countries will be using, or preparing to use, the rifle as their standard infantry weapon.

To date, three countries have adopted the FN 300 — Belgium, Britain and Australia. But it is confidently predicted, here, that Canada, New Zealand and South Africa will follow suit when their own trials are completed.

Britain and Australia have announced their intention of manufacturing the rifle and Canada would undoubtedly do the same. New Zealand is able to produce the ammunition, if not the rifle itself.

The British Army expects to have the results of its own trials by the end of the summer, when the "green light" should be given for British production of the rifle.

FINAL SEAL

And the final seal of approval has probably been set on the Belgian rifle by adoption by the British army for ceremonial purposes.

The drill-proud British Army has devised a new arms drill for it — proof that it has really arrived. — China Mail Special.

BRITISH ORDER

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of Supply, announced on February 28 that Britain had ordered 14,400 rifles from the Belgian makers, of which 4,800 had been delivered.

There are also high hopes that the FN 300 will be adopted by the United States and other countries in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, following the decision of the Atlantic Council, in December, 1953, that the calibre for standard rifle ammunition for member countries would be .303 inches.

Mr. Anthony Head, British Minister of War, has said in the House of Commons that there is a "very good chance" of the United States Army adopting the rifle.

It is acknowledged here, however, that there is still a strong preference in sections of the US Army for the T-44, another .300 calibre gun. It is testing both weapons, and military circles here do not expect a definite decision for some time.

These circles state that the United States is already well stocked with the Garand M-1 semi-automatic, and does not need to make a speedy decision.

Britain, on the other hand, has been in urgent need since World War II of a really modern rifle.

The FN 300 is self-loading and can be used as an automatic or for single shots.

As an automatic, it is capable of firing between 650 and 700 rounds a minute. Adjusted for sniping, a trained soldier using single rounds from 20-round magazines can fire 60 aimed shots a minute.

FIVE-ROUND CLIPS Re-loading from five-round clips, he should be able to fire between 35 and 40 aimed shots a minute, or more than double the rate of rapid fire expected of the average soldier with the present bolt-action .303.

Tests have shown that the .300 is accurate up to a range of 1,093 yards.

From the point of view of safety, the rifle is claimed to be almost foolproof. It cannot be fired until the breech-block is locked, and the breech-block cannot be unlocked until after the bullet has left the barrel.

In its present form the FN 300, without the magazine weighs nine pounds three ounces. Its overall length is 41½ inches, and the barrel 21 inches.

EASY TO HANDLE It is well balanced and easy to handle, which is not surprising since its makers, Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre, produce some of the world's best-known sporting rifles and shot guns.

The FN's magazine holds 20 rounds and weighs eight and a quarter ounces when empty, and one pound nine-and-a-quarter ounces when full.

When mass-produced in Britain it is expected to cost about £23 sterling. The Belgian metric measurements have already been converted into inches.

4 Years For Colossal Fraud

Yiu Lim-kwong, 52, manager

of the Hin Wah Trading Company, pleaded guilty at the Victoria District Court this morning to what was described by Judge A. D. Scholes as "a colossal fraud" involving sums totalling more than \$800,000.

"Accused was sentenced to four years' hard labour. He admitted one charge of conspiracy to defraud eight banks and 13 charges of obtaining valuable securities and monies from the banks in June and July last year."

Mr. J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. Accused, who was not represented by

Counsel, reversed a previous

plea of not guilty this morning before the hearing was about to start.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE

The conspiracy charge alleged that Yiu conspired with Tsoo Seng-ho, who is not in custody, to defraud eight banks in Hong Kong and Singapore of their money by falsely pretending that certain documents, in particular certain false invoices and bills of lading, showed that goods to the value specified in

the false invoices had been shipped to Singapore. The 13 other charges, related to the obtaining of securities and monies from the banks as a result of the above-mentioned transactions.

In his outline of the case, Mr. Hobley said the goods accused were shipped to Singapore consisted mainly of toothpicks. Whereas the invoices described the goods variously as shirts, socks, harmonicas, mahjong sets and so forth.



Queen Elizabeth chats to police dog trainers during her visit to County Police Headquarters while on her tour of Lancashire, the centre of Britain's cotton industries. — Express Photo.

US Cruiser Here

The 13,800-ton American

cruiser Baltimore (Capt. C. G.

Christie) entered port this

morning on a recreational visit.

The Baltimore is the name-

ship of her class of 14 ships.

She has an overall length of

674 feet and a width of 71 feet.

She carries nine 8-inch and

12 5-inch guns and 52 40-mm

anti-aircraft guns and a heli-

copter.

Her complement comprises 73

officers and 930 enlisted men.

Leaving port after a recrea-

tional visit here this morning

were the destroyers Gregory,

Marshall, Porterfield and Halsey

Powell, and the destroyer tenders Hamul.

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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MONDAY, APRIL 25

By Air

Philippines, 3 p.m.

America, China, U.S.A., 6 p.m.

Thailand, India, Middle East,

Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

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Macao, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

By Air

Japan, 4 a.m.

Pakistan, Iraq, Lebanon, France,

Indonesia, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9

a.m.

Indo-China, 11 a.m.</p

Will The Ghost Of The Opera Reappear?

Malta, Apr. 24. Opera "lovers here are hoping that the new Prime Minister, Mr Dominic Mintoff, who is an architect, will see to the rebuilding of the Royal Opera House which was razed during World War II.

With it will rise again, presumably, the "Ghost of the Opera," a hooded figure, believed to be a monk, which reputedly wanders through the corridors late at night.

Many people saw this figure in the old Opera House. One at least saw it fit past him on one occasion.

The apparition is believed to be the ghost of a monk from the nearby Victoria church, who is walking until unsaid Masses for the Dead have been said.

The Opera House ghost is not the only ghost of Malta. The island, indeed, has what is perhaps the only ghost to appear in a police report. It came about like this:

In the village of Mosta, whose cathedral boasts one of the largest unsupported domes in Europe, one of two brothers disappeared mysteriously just before the other emigrated overseas. The next tenants of their house reported to the police that they had heard groans coming from the vicinity of the front doorstep.

HEARD GROANS

Police who investigated also heard the groans. The front doorstep was taken up, and the bones of a man were found beneath the stones.

A priest, who was called in, performed a service on the spot and the bones were given a Christian burial. No more moans were heard. The Knights Hall, one of the longest rooms in Europe, built on the bastion overlooking the Grand Harbour, was used as a hospital by the Knights of the Order of St John.

Since then, it has been used as a military hospital during World War I, and as a stable and garage by the Malta Police.

At present it is a theatre—with a ghost, unseen but very definitely heard. One man went there recently and hammered on the stage door for admission during an evening dress rehearsal.

Listening at the keyhole, he heard the sound of approaching footsteps, but on looking through he saw that there was no one there. Yet the footsteps came to the door and retreated. No one was seen.

When a stage-hand opened the door and at least five minutes after the footsteps had faded away, enquires as to their sources produced yet another ghost story.

It appears that not a few people have heard the footsteps. One frightened stage-hand one night even reported that he had been held back by an unseen hand as he went along the side corridor.

Who or what the ghost is, no one has yet ascertained. But the footsteps are still heard—China Mail Special.

Large-Scale Nuclear Reactor Wanted

Washington, Apr. 24. The Atomic Energy Commission tonight asked private industry to finance and build a new large-scale nuclear reactor by early 1957.

Using a reactor capable of testing larger materials than is now possible, the Commission suggested one with eleven holes ranging from three inches square to nine inches square, with a core flexible enough to insert specimens up to 15 inches in diameter. The plant will be used to determine materials from which to build reactors capable of withstanding terrific radiation in future power installations, the announcement said.

TEST REACTOR

It will be "an engineering test reactor" to develop reactor components for military and civilian nuclear power projects. The Commission said it would contract with owner and operator for substantial use of the reactor's radiation capacity in its first five years of operation.

Setting up a tight construction schedule, the Commission called for bids by July 1. Construction is envisaged by October and operation by March 1957. —United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BUTLER'S BUDGET A COMPROMISE

N.Y. COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Apr. 24. Cotton prices operated from a defensive position this week in spasmodically active dealings.

At the close the list showed net losses of 3 to 26 points, or 15 cents to \$1.30 a bale lower than the preceding week.

Cotton contracts dipped to 32.98 cents a pound while the average price for spot cotton at the 10 southern markets went about one-quarter cent a pound under the Government loan rate for those points. Trade buying steadied the market in later trading.

A contributing influence on the decline, market experts thought, was the Agriculture Department's consideration of accepting proposals to allow the swapping of privately owned cotton for cotton held in the Government stocks.

Traders said bearish sentiment increased with Agriculture Secretary Mr Benson's endorsement of the suggestion by Senator Vandenberg that price supports for cotton be lowered in return for looser Government controls on production.

U.S. Textile Market

New York, Apr. 24. Cotton grey goods declined in sympathy with the recession of raw cotton last week. The 80-square four-yard, cotton cloth however, steadily maintained at 18½ cents a yard throughout the week.

Other segments of the grey goods ruled quiet and sheetings were also at concessions. Converters and piece goods buyers continued to operate cautiously while evaluating wholesale and retail business prospects.

A chill descended on new buying interest, brokers said, by retail trade returns showing post-Easter buying in department stores throughout the country last week dropped 13 per cent from a year ago however, sales for the year through April 18 still held six per cent over 1954.

The spectre of Japanese competition continued to feature background market discussion. Influential sources kept urging some sort of quota on Japanese imports of grey goods and garments. Statisticians recalled that in the 1936-37 period Japanese goods imports were close to 150,000,000 yards. —United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 24. The Bank of France statement for the week ended April 14 reads as follows:

Total gold holding 201,281,501,425 Total other currencies 11,648,540,953

Sight balance abroad 107,390,664,454

Advanced to Curr. Stabil. Fund 198,000,000

Bank notes in circulation 2,553,523,000,996

Current accounts and deposits 125,629,594,429

Total bills discounted 1,322,000,000,983

United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Apr. 24. The Bank of England statement for the week ended April 20 reads as follows:

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Note in circulation 1,752,000,000

Private deposits 341,459,370

Government securities 393,461,522

Other securities 49,575,025

Receipts 28,227,774

Ratio 7.9

United Press.

U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Apr. 24. Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season to April 19 were as follows:

Britain 16,528

Orient 1,207,000

Canada 54,254

Total for period 2,251,782

excluding United—United Press.

Sting Taken From The Socialist's Argument But The City Is Dubious

From Ronald Boxall

London, Apr. 24. Mr Butler's fourth Budget turned out not unexpectedly to be a compromise between economic prudence and political opportunism.

This implies no criticism of the Chancellor's judgment. In the circumstances his policy is no doubt the right one. By giving away half of his prospective surplus (on the basis of existing taxation) he has given the public a measure of tax relief that he hopes will be matched by greater effort. And by retaining the other half he has taken the sting out of the Opposition's argument that he is "bribing" the electorate.

From the political viewpoint Mr Butler's Budget is unexceptionable. (It will prove difficult for the Socialists to argue on the hustings that the Chancellor has put Tory Party interests before the nation's economic interests and at the same time accuse him of being mean in his concessions.)

But the Budget is more vulnerable to economic objections. The Chancellor's critics fall into two categories: those who believe that he has been too generous and those who feel that he might have done more. Some commentators seem to hold both these viewpoints at once; but on the whole informed opinion comes down on the side of the "too generous" school.

HAD TO BE SIMPLE

With only two or three weeks left of the life of the present Parliament, the Budget had to be short and simple. Proposals involving complicated fiscal legislation were out of the question. The Chancellor solved this by concentrating his concessions on income tax. The standard rate was reduced by sixpence to 8s 6d in the pound and adjustments were made in personal and children's allowances to give proportionally greater relief to family men. The only other tax change was designed to help Lancashire in its present difficulties—a reduction in purchase tax on certain textiles.

The result of these changes was to reduce a prospective surplus of revenue over expenditure from £282 million to £148 million. This compares with an estimated surplus of £10 million in 1954/55 and an actual surplus of £433 million. From the economic viewpoint the "tax concessions" accord strangely with the situation that has been developing in British economy. In the second half of last year the United Kingdom sunk into deficit on its balance of payments and the deterioration has almost gone, certainly further in the first few months of this year. The root of the trouble is over-consumption at home and to combat it the Chancellor earlier this year twice raised the bank rate and reimposed restriction on hire purchase deals.

CONSUMPTION SIDE

On the consumption side concern is felt at the fact that extra incomes generated by wage awards so far this year are already greater than the increase from this source in the whole of last year. With this extra spending power available and with the money now given back to the taxpayer economists find it difficult to share Mr Butler's hope that personal consumption will rise less rapidly this year than last.

There is, of course, a reasonable hope that some of the money given back in tax reliefs—especially the part that benefits companies—will be saved. But the Chancellor seemed to regard this as being of less importance than the probable effect of the concessions.

Nevertheless there can be no denying that the economic situation in Britain today is more inflationary than it was a year ago. In view of this most observers find it hard to reconcile the fact that this year the Chancellor has given the nation £134 million of extra "pocket money" and that last year he gave away nothing at all.

LESS IMPORTANT ROLE

Clearly the Budget is taking a less important role as an instrument of economic policy than it did in the days of Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr Gaitskell. Direct controls over the economy have been largely exchanged for indirect ones—and these are being concentrated in the monetary field.

Mr Butler's policy is to entrust the taxpayer with more of his own money and exercise overall control over the economy by manipulating the interest rate. It is better, he says, to cut down consumption whether it is by an industrialist buying in stocks of raw materials or a private individual by buying

PARTLY EXPLAINED

This reasoning partly explains the fall of prices on the market following the Budget.

The dominant factor in the market at the moment, however, is not the Budget but the approaching general election. The market is expected to remain this thin while the purges continue on the hustings—but the general expectation of a Conservative victory should keep prices relatively firm.

The "change" was quiet before the Budget and the only movement of note was the threat of gilt-edged prices on the threat

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$431,925. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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Bank of India 102,1040

Bank of Malaya 501

Bank of New South Wales 132,1540

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MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1955.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY GARDEN PARTY



LEGAL SUBMISSIONS IN NG RE-TRIAL No Jurisdiction By Court Argument Put Forward

A submission that his Lordship, as a member of the Court of Appeals which quashed accused's conviction and ordered his retrial, has no jurisdiction to preside over the new trial was made by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Counsel for the Defence, when Dr Ng Yuk-kun, 49, medical practitioner, appeared before Mr Justice James Wicks, charged with rape, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr Bernacchi further submitted that such prejudice had been aroused in this case that it was almost impossible at this stage for his client to receive a fair trial in Hongkong.

Dr Ng is charged with raping Tam Shun, a 24-year-old spinster at his clinic in Nathan Road, on August 28, 1954.

In his first trial before Mr Justice C.W. Reece, Dr Ng was found guilty by a Jury, and sentenced to five years. On appeal to the Court of Appeals, of whom Mr Justice Wicks was a member, the conviction was quashed but the Court ordered a re-trial.

Appearing for accused is Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M.A. da Silva;

The Crown is represented by Mr W.A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr D.F.O. Mayne, Crown Counsel. Det. Inspector W. Watson was present for the Police.

Before a plea was taken from the accused, Mr Bernacchi said he had several points going to the jurisdiction of the Court. He did not purpose to argue whether or not to commit again.

The Bailey appeal and other local news stories will be found on page 8.

authorities to assist the Court but following a discussion with his instructing solicitor they had come to the conclusion that he felt he should ask the Court to adjourn at least until tomorrow morning in order to present his case in a proper way.

JUDGE'S RULING

His Lordship directed Counsel to proceed as best he could.

Following further submissions on these propositions by Mr

Bernacchi and submissions by the Crown in reply, Mr Justice Wicks ruled that he has jurisdiction to preside over the trial and that the trial could properly take place in Hongkong.

A Jury of five men and two women was then empanelled.

Hearing is continuing.

Mr Victor Ardy, founder and conductor of the Hongkong Concert Orchestra, accompanied by Mrs Ardy, returned from leave in the Italian liner Asia this morning.

Mr Ardy, who had been away

for eight months, visited the

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This striking half-page picture was taken by a staff photographer during last Thursday's Queen's Birthday garden party at Government House. It shows a section of the huge crowd of guests which thronged the main lawns.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

Anzac Day Observed

Local members of the Australian and New Zealand Community gathered at the Cenotaph this morning to lay wreaths in commemoration of Anzac Day.

Mr Thuermer, who has been

in Colombo for the past two

years, was accompanied by his

wife, the former Miss Alice

Alexander, who was also one

of the three small children. They

sailed for San Francisco in the

President Wilson early next

month.

The first wreath to be laid

was the Anzac wreath, by Mr

C.W. Greaves. He was follow-

ed by Mr A.C. Slater, who laid

the Australian Commonwealth

wreath.

The following then laid

wreaths: Air Commodore S.E. Falor for the British Legion, M.

P.A. Laroche for the French

Ex-servicemen's Association, Mr

H. Warner for the Australian

Association of Hongkong, the

Hon. Mr Justice T.J. Gould for

the New Zealand Association of

Hongkong, F/O M. Farrelly for

the Australian Combined Ser-

vices, and Mr M. Heenan for

the New Zealand Combined

Services.

A bugler from the 1st Bn

Exeter Regiment then sounded

the Last Post which was follow-

ed by two minutes silence and

the ceremony ended with

Reverence.



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